

ROCKEFELLER SEEKS AID OF PUBLIC TO END VICE

Outlines Work of Bureau of Social Hygiene in Dealing with Evil Here.

WORLD PROBLEM, HE SAYS

Plans to Study Methods Prevailing in All United States Cities—Wants Organization for All Time.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., issued a statement yesterday in behalf of the Bureau of Social Hygiene, outlining the work being done by that body and announcing that it was the hope of the bureau that, based upon the studies now being made, there might be devised a practical plan for dealing with the social evil in New York City—a plan which public opinion could be brought to support.

George J. Kneeland, who directed the Chicago vice commission investigation, has been making an extensive investigation into vice conditions here. Mr. Kneeland's report will be made public within the next two months. Dr. Abraham Flexner, it is announced, spent nearly a year abroad, making a searching and exhaustive inquiry into the subject, and is now working on his report, which will be ready for publication this winter. Mr. Rockefeller, in speaking of other studies, says:

"These studies are to be followed by others, in those cities in the United States where different conditions exist, or where special methods of dealing with the social evil have been introduced, the object being to become familiar with all phases of the subject and all methods of handling it which have been tried in this country and in Europe."

Work Not Sensational.

"It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the spirit which dominates the work of the bureau is not sensational or sentimental or hysterical; that it is not a spirit of criticism of public officials; but that it is essentially a spirit of constructive suggestion and of deep scientific, as well as humane, interest in a great world problem."

The Bureau of Social Hygiene came into existence about two years ago, as a result of the work of the special grand jury appointed to investigate the "white slave" traffic in New York City, which served during the first half of the year 1910. Speaking of the findings of that body, Mr. Rockefeller says:

"One of the recommendations made by it in its investigation, namely, that a public commission be appointed to study the social evil, the character of the work, the right procedure, etc., was carried out, a commission and the limitations under which it would operate. In this connection, separate personnel conferences were held with more than a hundred leading men and women of the city, among whom were lawyers, business men, bank presidents, residents of commercial organizations, clergymen, settlement workers, social workers, labor leaders and reformers. These conferences showed that the public commission would labor under a number of disadvantages, such as the fact that it would be slow-lived; that its work would be done publicly; that at best it could hardly do more than present recommendations."

The conviction also grew that the main reason why more permanent results had not been obtained by the various organizations which dealt with the social and political evil during the last ten or fifteen years was that most of them were temporary. While active, they materially improved the situation, but their efforts were relatively short-lived, and the time required to make the same corrections as before. The forces of evil are never greatly alarmed at the organization of investigating or reform bodies, for they know that they are generally composed of busy people who cannot turn aside from their own affairs for any great length of time to carry on reforms, and that sooner or later their efforts will cease, and the patient members of their underworld and their sympathizers can then re-establish and continue the traffic as formerly.

Wants Permanent Organization.

Mr. Rockefeller adds that in order to make a real and lasting improvement in conditions a permanent organization should be created, the continuation of which would not be dependent upon a temporary wave of reform or upon the life of any man or group of men, but which would go on, generation after generation, continuously making warfare against the forces of evil.

"It also appeared that a private organization would have, among other advantages," he says, "certain freedom from publicity and from political bias, which a publicly appointed commission could not so easily avoid. Therefore, as the initial step in the winter of 1911 the Bureau of Social Hygiene was formed."

Its present members are Miss Katherine Bement Davis, superintendent of the New York State Reformatory for Women at Bedford Hills; Mrs. Paul M. Warburg, of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Starr J. Murphy, of the New York bar; and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. As the work develops new members may be added.

Experts to Study Evil.

Speaking of the first work of the bureau, Mr. Rockefeller says:

"One of the first things undertaken by the bureau was the establishment at Bedford Hills, adjacent to the reformatory, of a laboratory of social hygiene, under Miss Davis's direction, that she might be able to study from the physical, mental, social and moral side each person committed to the reformatory. This study will be carried on by experts, and each case will be kept under observation. These experts will work for three months, as may be required. When the diagnosis is completed, it is hoped that the laboratory will be in a position to recommend the treatment, not only for the individual, but, if reformation is impossible, to recommend permanent custodial care. Furthermore, reaching out beyond the individuals involved, it is believed that thus important contributions may be made to a fuller knowledge of the conditions ultimately responsible for vice. If this experiment is successful, the principle may prove applicable to all classes of criminals and the conditions precedent to crime, and lead to the arrest of not only the scientific and learned, but also less wasteful than those at present followed."

The bureau considered it of fundamental importance to make a careful study of the social evil in this country and in Europe. The survey conducted here by Mr. Kneeland has covered houses of prostitution, saloons, bars and restaurants, massage parlors, besides the personal histories of two thousand prostitutes and the case records for a year of a great majority of the hospitals and dispensaries here, with a view to ascertaining the prevalence of venereal diseases and their ratio to other diseases.

POORLISH PRISONER HELD.

Albert Levy, who was arrested on Saturday night by Inspector Myers and Captain Rohr, of the 5th street station, with a squad of policemen in a police raid in Stuyvesant street, was arraigned yesterday in the Esopus Market court, before Magistrate McAdoo, and held in \$500 bail for examination on Friday.

PERAZZO'S EVIL FATE WORKS EARLY AND LATE

What Good To Be "Mayor," with Fine Business, Too?—Corpo di Bacco! He's Always in a Stew.

Corpo di Bacco! but Giovanni B. Perazzo, "Mayor of Bleeker street," is sorely troubled at heart and troubled in the mind, and why not? Does not Giovanni's evil fate still pursue him? Often does the Giovanni heave a heavy sigh and weep a bitter tear, for his life is sad, very sad.

Giovanni Perazzo, Mrs. Perazzo and the little Perazzos all live at No. 93 Madison street, where they enjoy the respect and admiration of all the neighbors. Giovanni has such a fine business, so quiet, so peaceful! Why should it be that other persons should be jealous of his prosperity and of the work that Giovanni does so artistically? Lacrima del diavolo, but it is a shame!

Even on last Saturday night, when Giovanni and his wife and the little Perazzos would dance at the great ball of the Society of San Stefano at the Amsterdam Opera House, in West 4th street, the evil spirit that has followed Giovanni Perazzo relentlessly for the last three years was ever at his elbow.

When Giovanni and his family left the hall, after dancing in honor of their patron saint, and started to climb into their automobile, Giovanni said that the four tires of his fine automobile had been stashed. "Aha! the old enemy of Giovanni B. Perazzo, "Mayor of Bleeker street" was ready to pounce on him, and now working on his report, which will be ready for publication this winter. Mr. Rockefeller, in speaking of other studies,

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BEAVERS TO SURRENDER

Stork's Visit Gives Sailorman Chance for British Joke.

His Counsel Says Defaulter Will Give Himself Up To-morrow.

PREPARED TO GIVE BAIL

High Bridge Bank Officials Not Alarmed at His Remaining in Seclusion.

If an announcement made by Foster H. Voorhees, of Elizabeth, N. J., counsel for Abram L. Beavers, the alleged High Bridge bank defaulter, proves true, Beavers will surrender to-morrow to the federal authorities and be prepared to furnish bail. Whether the surrender will be made in Newark or not remains to be seen. At present it is thought it will.

It is barely possible, however, that New York may get Beavers, as the biggest part of his plundering was committed in New York by his taking from vaults securitely belonging to the High Bridge

bank. Beavers was still in seclusion yesterday, no move having been made toward his apprehension. "I do not know where Beavers is," said Alfred L. Cook, the attorney for the looted bank, last night, "but I have heard he is either in High Bridge or Brooklyn."

He said Beavers had been in this city several times since the discovery, which is expected to result in his arrest after Bank Examiner Alvin L. Fowler completes his examination, toward the end of the week.

The fact that Beavers is at large is not causing the bank officials any concern, because it is understood he is in close touch with those in authority, so that at short notice he can be apprehended by the police. Mr. Wilson is doing too much talking.

These observations on the President-elect were brought fresh from England yesterday by Eugene Zimmerman, father of the Duchess of Manchester, who was a passenger on the Cunard liner Campania.

Mr. Zimmerman, who has been visiting his daughter for about ten weeks, was pleased, however, to learn that Mr. Wilson is opposed to the law granting free tolls for American ships using the Panama Canal. Nevertheless, Mr. Zimmerman believes Mr. Wilson will find "he cannot teach other people his ideas in four years." Also, he thinks that Mr. Wilson himself might be instructed in finance.

The remarks about Mr. Wilson followed a dissertation on the subway problem in this city and the effort of Senator Root to bring about a reconsideration of the law governing the fixing of tolls of the Panama Canal.

"I am mighty glad," Mr. Zimmerman said, "to see that Senator Root has come out fairly and squarely on the canal toll question. Mr. Taft himself is not now in favor of the law which allows American ships to go through the canal free."

Mr. Zimmerman declared he thought the plan to let the city build its own subways was the right idea. He said he believed the city should have a chance to subscribe to the bonds, as "Morgan and the syndicate had had in the past more than ample opportunities in getting in on bond subscriptions."

The financier thought England was prospering, and that conditions there were much better now than they had been.

"But with all this prosperity," he declared, "England is constantly increasing the running expenses of the government. The great question over there now is how to raise revenue to meet the expenses Lloyd George's expedient for raising revenue reminds me of a man trying to raise himself up by his suspenders. Lloyd George is going to fall."

Mr. Zimmerman said he was confident the Home Rule bill would not pass, and predicted another election within a year after the House of Lords has rejected it.

HELD ON ARSON CHARGE

Boss Painter Arrested Through "Izzy's" Confession.

Morris Gorenstein, a boss painter, who was held at No. 187 Second avenue, was arraigned before Magistrate Krydel in the Harlem court yesterday morning on a charge of arson in the second degree. He was held in \$5000 bail for examination on Tuesday.

Gorenstein was arrested on Saturday

night by Patrolman George Conway, of the East 10th street station, on the complaint of Assistant Fire Marshals Wade and Sheehan, who alleged that on December 28, 1912, "Izzy" Steinkeventer set fire to the flat then occupied by Gorenstein at No. 23 East 9th street, with Gorenstein's knowledge and consent, and for the purpose of collecting insurance, which was divided between the two men and an insurance adjuster. According to Royal A. Weller, Deputy Assistant District Attorney, Gorenstein's arrest is a sequel to that of the cashier's whereabouts.

SAY HE ROBBED ALMS BOX

Boys' Story Leads to Arrest of Waiter After Chase.

Julian Belli, a waiter, who said he lived at No. 28 Sixth avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with robbing the charity contribution box in St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church. The waiters against Belli are three boys—Edward Manning, of No. 120 Avenue A; George Frees, of No. 39 East 76th street; and John McQuillan, of No. 41 East 6th street.

The boys said they saw Belli in the church early yesterday afternoon just after high mass had been celebrated, so they held a few pence and watched him. They told the police that after the last of the congregation had gone out the waiters attempted to extract coins from it through the slot in the top, using a wire to which a piece of adhesive plaster was attached.

When Captain Turner of the Mauretania, arrived here yesterday in command of the Coriolis, on a cruise to the Mediterranean. Because of his familiarity with the handling of all vessels of the Cunard fleet, he has been shifted from one vessel to another more than any skipper in the service.

When Captain Turner of the Mauretania was passing at the 6th street station, he was stopped by a policeman, who accused him of robbing the charity contribution box in St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church. The waiters against Belli are three boys—Edward Manning, of No. 120 Avenue A; George Frees, of No. 39 East 76th street; and John McQuillan, of No. 41 East 6th street.

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